



May/ June 2011

**May and June 2011
Sunday School — 9am
Worship —10am
After service Social Hour**

May 11th -Board Meeting

May 14th -Feed the Hungry

May 22nd -Last Sunday School class -Breakfast

May 28th -Motorcycle Worship service?

June 5th -Pontiac Show?

June 5th & 12th -Pentecost Special Offering

June 19th -Father's Day

June 20th -July 1st - Theatre Camp!

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Welcome to Spring! Finally!
The hope that comes with buds
on the trees and flowers pop-
ping up from the ground.
How did those tulips and Daf-
fodils make it through that
cold frozen ground all those
months? Changes are in the
air! Easter and Spring and Hope - what a lovely trio!



These next two months will be predominated by Easter, Spring and Hope! There are 6 Sundays of Easter followed by Ascension Sunday, Pentecost and the Trinity Sunday. The last Sunday of June is the first Sunday of what some call, "Ordinary time". So these next 9 weeks just may be something special!

If all goes as planned we will be discussing becoming a Church in Transformation at the May 11th Board Meeting - and then forming a Transformation Committee to guide us through the process, much as the Search committee did. Also, the last Saturday of May - Memorial Day Weekend - we will start our first Motorcycle worship service! Somewhere in the future I still hope for a monthly German liturgical service.

Personally, I am feeling better than ever and am truly excited about what God has done and will do for us here at Hyattstown Christian Church. Thank you all for staying with us through these last 2 years of changes, and for

your hope, love and energy in getting us through this next phase of growth and service to God.

Blessings, Pastor Lisa



The Story of the Plate

The phone rang and our neighbor Libby, in an excited voice, announced that she needed to come over and show us something. She had a paper sack and was carefully holding it as she related that she had been on a day trip with her family to some antique shops outside of Hagerstown. While passing by shelves of china and glassware her eyes landed on a plate with the picture of a small country church on it. She looked closer as she thought she recognized the building. She had been to our little church several times as we often invite her to special events. Yes she thought---that is Larry and Janice's church. "I bought it for you" she said. We had heard of these plates but had never seen one so I was touched that she would purchase it for us. The picture was of the church after the education wing was added so is probably of circa 1950's. We feel so blessed to have been given this special gift and will donate it to the church as a part of our history after we show it off for awhile. Thank you dear Libby!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ELDERS

NOTE: Elders also serve as Worship Leaders

Date:	SERVICE 10 AM
May 8	Debbie Blair
May 15	Debbie Flook
May 22	Teresa Hearl
May 29	John Wilson
June 5	Bill Duke
June 12	Hugh Howard
June 19	Pat Griffith
June 26	Sharron Smith
July 3	Randy Loy

We are Honored
to Serve at
The Table
of the Lord



*If you cannot serve,
please trade with someone.*

DEACONATE

Date:	SERVICE 10 AM
May 8	Pat Bush & Gail Knott
May 15	Chuck McIntire & Walt Moore
May 22	DeBrean Loy & Sharon Duke
May 29	Paul & Becky DeLameter
June 5	Sandy Law & Frank Hearl
June 12	Grace Duke & Scott Stickerod
June 19	Martha Cooley & Barb Dangler
June 26	Pat Bush & Gail Knott
July 3	Chuck McIntire & Walt Moore

*NOTE: Deacons
prepare and
clean-up
communion,
and check pews.*

LITURGISTS

Date:	SERVICE 10 AM
8 May	Beth Sweeney
15 May	John Wilson
22 May	Bill Huntzman
29 May	Janice Seaman
5 June	Steve Smith
12 June	Kelly DeLameter
19 June	Randy Loy
26 June	Teresa Hearl
3 July	Larry Seaman



The scripture lessons are
found in the bulletin insert.
For an advanced copy please
contact the pastor.

May Birthdays

5/1 Bryce Davis
5/7 Clay Davis
5/10 Odelle McVey
5/15 Rick Masters
5/19 Grace Duke
5/19 Colin Reitman
5/19 Julie Yankaskas
5/22 Guy Memmott
5/28 Frank Hearl

May Anniversaries

5/13 Andy & Debbie Blair
5/15 Eddie & Debbie Flook
5/17 Frank & Teresa Hearl
5/22 Harry & Pat Griffith
5/29 Kevin & Stephanie Smith

June Birthdays

6/1 Walt Moore
6/3 Bill Duke
6/6 Norm Burdette
6/18 Jesye Memmott Havrilla
6/23 Randy Loy

June Anniversary

6/9 Robin & Clay Davis
6/12 Bill & LaQuita Huntman



Please say a prayer for these special people on their special day.




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GOD GAVE YOU FREE WILL ... THE CITY DID NOT



**School will be out soon.
Watch for children.**





DWF NEWS

Exciting things are in the process of implementation as we look to update the way we do our Fall Bazaar. We will continue to have our annual Yard Sale but plan to have a Catalog Auction in conjunction with the sale. The catalogs will be made available prior to the yard sale for distribution to the congregation, friends, family, and other churches and organizations as we are able. This catalog will contain handcrafted items, services you would be able to offer, baked goods or other food items etc. What is something you could do for someone else? (child care, handyman work, housecleaning, tax-preparation, a special theme basket). Are you a knitter or crafter? Use your imagination and think of your unique skills. You decide the starting bid then the bidding begins. The highest bidder will be notified of their win. We encourage everyone to think of a way to participate and sign up forms are available in the church vestibule. Take a look at the mock up of the catalog so far to stimulate your ideas.

This winter we voted to subsidize new bedspreads for some of the beds at Hope Alive and to provide a 24 count pack of paper towels to them each month for the coming year. Barb Dangler, our representative there, will purchase and deliver them for us. We continue to support the Scholarship Fund, Camp Starfish, the Malawai Project, and other special needs as they arise.

HCC's Disciple Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday the 30th of April from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Schoolhouse facility at the New Market United Methodist Church. We have used this venue in the past and it lends itself nicely to the needs of our group. Our speakers will be Kathryn (Kitty) Shaver and Rev. Sean David Boyd on the East African Education Initiative. They come to us from Mt. Rainier Christian Church and will emphasize their spiritual journey and events that led them to embrace this project. Mark your calendar for this time of fellowship and spiritual growth for just us gals.

We have been discussing projects we might sponsor to attract families in our community and surrounding area to Hyattstown Christian Church. Ideas presented were a Trick or Trunk Party for community children, a day of childcare for parents to do Holiday shopping and the possibility of church signs at the entrance to the town at either end of Rt. 355

Don't forget your Secret Sister.
Keep her in your prayers.



JUNE 3-5 2011...dates for The Regional Disciple Women's Retreat at Bethany Beach Conference Center. This 3 day event is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other women in our Region for study, worship and fellowship at the ocean. Find out what other groups are doing and make some new friends. Registration forms are available at the Christian Church Capital Area web-site under Camp and Conference Program.

For interesting information about the International Disciple Women's Ministries go to www.discipleswomen.org From there you can download their newsletter "Disciple Women's Voices." We also have copies of Disciple Women Magazine available on the table outside of the Upper Room.

Janice Seaman and Pat Griffith * Co-Chairs DWF

Spring Retreat

Saturday April 30th was a perfect spring day for six of us to join together at the New Market United Methodist Church's School House Room for our annual retreat. The room was abloom with beautiful flower name tags and spring color wrapped door prizes on the tables. After a delightful continental breakfast our program was led by Rev. Sean David Boyd and Mrs. Kitty Shaver on the East African Education Initiative. Sean is currently at National City Christian Church and Kitty is a member of Mt. Ranier Chistian Church. This organization was started by them to meet the needs of students primarily in post primary education. They come from remote villages in Uganda and often walk up to ten miles a day to and from school as there are no secondary schools near. The inspiring stories of their organization's beginnings and of the boys and girls God has sent to them touched our hearts. The pictures of their students and the stories of what they have been able to accomplish are truly amazing. Like "ripples in the pond after a small stone has been tossed in" their education continues to bless others in their community. The program continued after lunch and we closed with a beautiful worship service led by Rev. Lisa.



We would like to thank all who helped to organize, and all those who attended this wonderful event.

Janice Seaman and Pat Griffith * Co- Chairs DWF

Opportunities For Service

SPARE CHANGE MINISTRY:

Reminder that we are asking our congregation to donate their spare change each Sunday (the jar at the front of the sanctuary). We are now collecting for **Share the Light** for improvements to Merry Mac and Bethany.



Bulletin Help!

Would someone please volunteer to help Pastor Lisa with the Bulletin on Wednesdays or Thursdays? You need minimal computer knowledge to change a few things on the template. She'll work with you as long as needed and there will be written instructions as well.



Hope Alive

There is a list of needed items for Hope Alive by the front door as well as a box to leave your items. Please see Barb Dangler if you have any questions or would like more information about the facility.

If you would like to "adopt" a consumable item during the year, or to give a month's worth, please contact Missy Miller at
mmiller@hopealiveministries.org

(DWF has "adopted" paper towels)

YOU CAN HELP!

Food Pantry

Frederick's Food Pantry is where we Feed the Hungry. Supplies are still low, and there is a big need this time of the year. There is a box by the front door of the church for donations of non-perishable items. Barb Dangler generously takes these supplies to the Food Bank for our congregation on a regular basis. Thank you Barb!

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE



We have received the dates for our opportunity to serve at the Frederick Rescue Mission.

Our “Feed the Hungry” Soup Kitchen dates for 2011 are:

May 14

July 9

Oct 8

Dec 10

All dates are on the
2nd Saturday of the month.

**Come on Saturday
at 4:30pm to serve,
come to the back door
of the Frederick Rescue
Mission**

At the Frederick Rescue Mission on All Saints St. we are known as the “Lasagna church” to those who come for a meal. (Others serve lasagna, but we did it first.) Serving at this meal gives us a greater appreciation for the many physical blessings we have, and helps some of our hungry neighbors. Join us to gain a new perspective. For more info call Barb Dangler 301-668-4194 or Pat Griffith (301) 972-1316

The Food pantry is also housed here. Donate when you can.

Disciples Men’s Breakfast on Saturday Morning

What is Men’s Breakfast? We meet, we eat, and talk.
That’s fellowship! Men’s Breakfast meets the Saturday morning the week before Feed the Hungry.. This year that is the first Saturday of these months.

**Cooking 7:30a.m. Eating & Fellowship 8 -9 am
Dates for 2011 :**

May 7

July 2

Oct 1

Dec 3



CCCA REGIONAL RETREATS and EVENTS for 2011

MM-Merry Mac BB-Bethany Beach

Spring Retreats and Events:

BB May 13-15 Stole Camp
MM May 13-15 Discovery Camp (families w/ little kids)
BB May 15-18 Senior Adult Spring Conference
BB May 27-30 College Age Retreat

Summer Camps, Conferences, Retreats, and Events:

BB June 3-5 Regional Women's Retreat (Sponsored by CCCA DWF)
BB June 16-19 Young Adult Conference (YAC)
MM June 24-26 Pioneer Camp
MM June 26-July 2 Chi Rho Camp 1
BB June 26-July 2 CYF Conference 1
BB July 3-9 Family Camp 1
MM July 3-9 Junior Camp 1
MM July 17-23 Chi Rho Camp 2 (service)
MM July 24-30 Junior Camp 2
MM July 31 -August 6 Created 2B Me (rising 9th graders only)
BB July 31 -August 6 CYF Conference 2
MM August 7-10 **Camp Starfish (Sponsored by Hyattstown CC)**
BB August 7-13 Family Camp 2
MM August 13 Annual Corn Roast
BB August 25-28 Footprints
BB September 6-9 Senior's Fall Conference

Fall Retreats and Events:

MM September 16-18 YAC Fall Retreat
MM September 30-Oct. 2 CYF Fall Retreat
MM October 14-16 Chi Rho Fall Retreat
BB Oct. TBD Closing weekend

Hyattstown Christian Church:

BB September 16-18 HCC Fall Retreat

National DOC:

Nashville, TN July 9-13 General Assembly

If someone you know is in need of prayer or spiritual care please call Rev Lisa Smith or an Elder. We cannot help if we do not know of a need or concern.



THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School News

Sunday School continues to be successful, with attendance between 8-18 weekly. Recent studies have included a study of the structure of the Disciples Church, from local to regional and world levels. It has been quite enlightening and informative! We also experienced a Seder meal. Thanks to Steven Smith, Pat Bush, Lisa Smith, Hugh Howard, Frank Roys, and Randy Loys for their contributions!

April 31st – May 14th – Organization of the Bible, the Apocrypha and the Dead Sea Scrolls

May 22st – Closing Breakfast/Evaluation

As we close this year, we are looking ahead to next year and are open to suggestions, curriculum possibilities, and volunteers to help us continue this worthwhile endeavor. Let Becky DeLameter, Gail Howard or Sharon Duke know if you have any ideas or are willing to participate!





For the Avon Walk - Debbie Flook and Debbie Blair walked the 26.2 miles over 2 days and the walk raised over \$5M for breast cancer research and support to those that need care. We have both walked many years to support this cause.



Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. — Luke 6:38



Our Easter Altar



Pastor Emeritus Terry Reister

Our Dear Pastor Emeritus Terry Reister passed away on Saturday April 30, 2011 after a long illness. He was at home with family as he had always wanted to be.

Terry's memorial service filled the church to overflowing. Several clergy and others spoke their fond remembrances of Terry. There was laughter and tears, good music and great words. He would have been pleased. As many of you know, Terry always wanted to know how many attended service. Saturday there were 146 in attendance, including the fire chief who kindly let us all stay.

Lunch followed at the Hyattstown Fire Hall. It was an opportunity to share more memories over a great meal. We will miss him, but it was an honor to have him in our lives as long as we



Our prayers are with Janet and Joe in this difficult time.

News from the Pews,

News from the Pews March and April 2011

Meghan Blair interviewed for summer work and has been accepted for a coop position at Brigham and Women's hospital in the breast cancer ward. Ben Blair will be attending Vassar College this coming fall.

Randy Loy is now a black belt in karate.
(Glad he's on our side!)



Debbie Flook and Debbie Blair again made us proud by finishing the Avon Three Day Walk for the Cure.

Lots of folks had Easter visitors. Frank and Teresa Hearl had 6 kids, 4 dogs, and parents.

Kevin, Stephanie and Allison Smith visited Bill and Sharron Smith. The younger Smiths attended the Easter egg roll at the Whitehouse on Easter Monday.

Bill and Sharron Smith have returned from spending 6 weeks at their second home in Seattle. While there, Bill and Dyan hosted a birthday party to celebrate Sharron's 70th. Surprise visitors were her sister and brother-in-law from New Albany, IN.

Gail and Hugh Howard made another trip to Blacksburg to visit granddaughter Zoe and her parents.

The DeLameters have been keeping the road hot as they travel back and forth to York, PA to help with Becky's ailing parents. Kelly has also kept them on the road. He's been auditioning at several music schools and we are anxious to hear his decision.

The celebration of the life of Terry Reister was a bittersweet experience. We deeply mourn the loss of Terry but his influence will be felt for a long time to come. It was nice to see old friends such as the Yorks, the Bensons, Davis family, Joyce Dea, Curtis Wheeler, Liz McGill, and many others at the service. All were surprised when it was revealed that the W.F. in Terry's name stands for Willfred Fitzwilliam.

Pat Bush spent time in St. Louis to be with her mother and returned home to spend time with her grandson Christian who is soon to be deployed.

Becky Thompson Holdcraft had a total left knee arthroplasty on Feb 21. She is still in physical therapy but doing well and will be returning to work this weekend May 7.

Frank and Theresa Roys' son, Kevin, is auditioning for the USMC band in August. Their daughter Danielle and husband Dan just announced they're expecting a new arrival. Bree and Matt will marry on June 11 in Las Vegas.

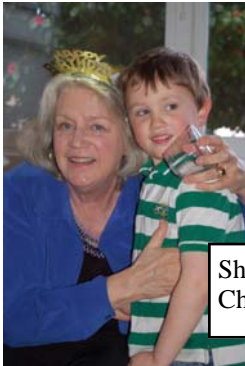
The Roys lead busy lives. Frank and Theresa are members of the National Philharmonic Chorale. The NPC will be performing Verdi's Requiem at the Strathmore in May. Ask Frank and Theresa for information.

Blair family: Meghan has completed her sophomore year at Northeastern. She had an emergency appendectomy the day after her 20th birthday. All is well. She will return to Boston for a co-op position at Brigham & Womens Hospital in the Breast Cancer ward on July 5.

Ben has decided on Vassar College in the Fall. He graduates from High School on June 3 and gives his presentation for his NIH internship on immunology on May 20.

We rejoice in your successes and pray for your challenges. Please share. Send congregational news before the end of June to ssmith@hood.edu; pictures encouraged. Thanks-Sharron Smith

Sharron Smith's granddaughter at the Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn.



Sharron and grandson, Myles, at her birthday party. Check out that great party hat!



Some of our HCC members attended the Seniors in Ministry luncheon held at First Christian Church of Hagerstown.



Carolyn Manning performed with her puppets at the SIMs meeting.



Here is a tremendous trio. Martha, Barb, and Marian, and Bob smiling in the background.



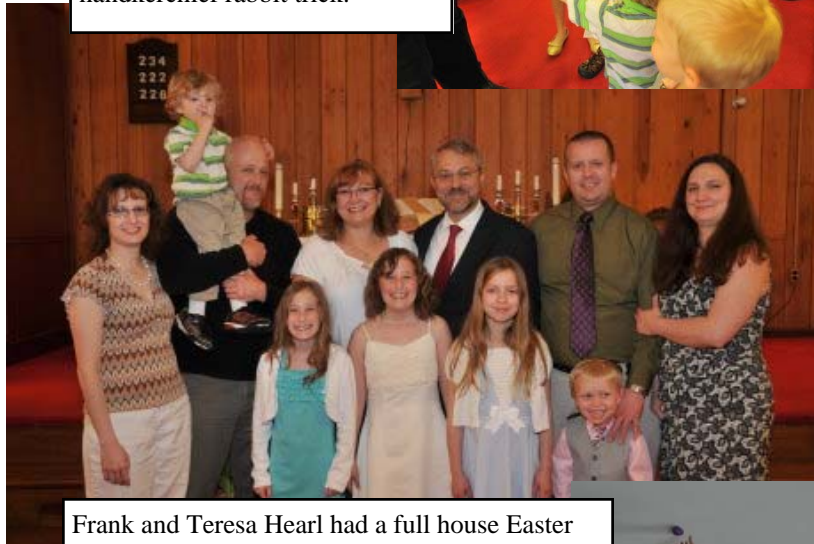
Kelly, Becky, and Paul DeLameter brought Becky's dad with them on Easter. He knew the words to all the hymns without looking in the hymn-book! Impressive.



Usually, they are the same height. In this picture, Berneice was taller than Lisa because Lisa had her shoes off.



Larry Seaman entertained the kids on Easter with his magic handkerchief rabbit trick.



Frank and Teresa Hearl had a full house Easter weekend. After church they returned home for an indoor Easter egg hunt. The eggs were hidden everywhere, even on the ceiling!



Teresa Hearl was happy that she could spend time with her Mom on Cinco de Mayo.

Announcements & Activities



THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS GROUP AKA BIBLE STUDY MEETS IN THE UPPER ROOM.

For those of us with time on **Wednesday mornings**, the Theological Reflections Group (aka Bible Study) with Pastor Lisa continues from **9:30 to 11:00** in our beautiful Upper Room. We are studying Philippians.

Hi there! I'm Teresa the editor and I would love to have your input. If



you have an article on something everyone in the congregation would find of value, let me know. I can't include everything, but I look at everything. I love getting pictures. If you know of anyone not receiving the newsletter who would like to be added to our email list or our mailing list, please let me know. -Teresa Hearl
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OUR ELDERS

For Disciples, the ministry of the laity has always been central to who we are. Since the beginning Elders have presided at the Lord's Supper, visited the sick or those in special need, and offered oversight to the work and life of the congregation. Elders often assist the pastor. If there is a spiritual need, please don't hesitate to call. If we don't have the answer, we will find someone who does.

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There's usually a few of us hanging out in the upper room after the worship service.
And we make decent coffee, too.
Come say Hello.